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1. ACCORDING TO A POST STUDY, BRAZIL'S RECENT INCREASE OF 100 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN IMPORT DUTIES FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF "NON-ESSENTIAL" ITEMS WILL APPLY TO APPROXIMATELY 2.3 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1973 IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. CONTRARY TO EARLY NEWSPAPER REPORTS, IMPORT DUTIES WERE NOT INCREASED ON FRESH FRUITS. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE IMPACT OF THE NEW SCREENING MEASURES FOR AIRCRAFT IMPORTS (SEE REFTEL) IS NOT YET KNOWN.

2. IMPORT DATA RELEASED BY CACEX INDICATES THAT BRAZIL IMPORTED \$1,895 MILLION CIF FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1973. OF THIS TOTAL, \$43.3 MILLION IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY ITEMS WHOSE IMPORT DUTIES WERE RAISED 100 PERCENTAGE POINTS BY DECREE-LAW 1.334 OF JUNE 25, 1974. (DIARIO OFICIAL 27 JUNE 1974). ALTHOUGH MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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CANNED AND PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WERE

INCLUDED IN THE TARIFF INCREASES, FRESH FRUITS WERE NOT AFFECTED. MAJOR CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. THAT WERE AFFECTED BY THE INCREASE IN DUTIES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM	1973 IMPORTS FROM U.S. (\$ MILLIONS)	CHANGE IN IMPORT DUTY	
85.15 TV RECEIVING APPARATUS	14,054	85-0/0 TO 185-0/0	
RADIOS AND PHONOGRAPHS	12,131	85-0/0 TO 185-0/0	
40.14 VULCANIZED SOFT-RUBBER			
ITEMS	3,751	85-0/0 TO 185-0/0	
61.01,			
02, 03,			
04 AND			
63.01 CLOTHING	2,198	105-0/0 TO 205-0/0	
51.04 SYNTHETIC & ARTIFICIAL			
TEXTILE FABRICS	1,052	105-0/0 TO 205-0/0	

3. DATA IS NOT YET AVAILABLE TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT OF THE NEW IMPORT DUTY INCREASES ON BRAZIL'S TOTAL IMPORTS. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, THE NEW HIGHER DUTIES HAVE LIKELY AFFECTED SOMEWHAT LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF BRAZIL'S TOTAL IMPORTS.

4. THERE IS NO GOOD INDICATION AS YET OF WHAT WILL BE THE TRADE IMPACT OF THE NEW MEASURES FOR SCREENING AIRCRAFT IMPORTS. HOWEVER, U.S. LOCAL REPS FEEL THAT IMPORTS OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT, WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER \$30 MILLION FROM THE U.S. IN 1973 (NOT INCLUDING PARTS), WILL DOUBTLESSLY BE CURTAILED IN VOLUME.

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